

BILL MYERS: I don't have any pages, anything that you haven't heard in years, but I do have personal experiences, family -- Oh, I'm Bill Myers, Dr. Bill Myers, from Gahanna, Ohio. I assume you have never heard of Gahanna before. It's an interesting name. Again, thanks for your review of this issue. I think it's long past and needs a really hard look and I appreciate your promise. My little brother, his name is Patrick. Very smart man. He is a gas turbine engineer. An expert in electricity generations from natural gas. He believes that every ounce of fossil fuel on and in Earth should be extracted and burned. He really believes that. He believes that the current global warming, which he acknowledges, is a natural cycle of Earth through the ages, and is influenced very little, or not at all, by what man does. Patrick has a wonderful wife, two fine sons, four beautiful grandchildren. He thinks they will all be fine for years to come, comforted by electricity produced from coal and natural gas, with perhaps a little hydro power thrown in. Patrick has recently retired from long and rewarding career in the gas industry. His last employment was as a plant manager for American Electric Power, a plant that he designed and managed in its construction and operation. Patrick doesn't like environmental regulation. Patrick lives in West Virginia. And in spite of the clear evidence to the contrary, thinks that land reclamation is a real and effective practice. He doesn't think we need all the mountain tops. I recently marked the 50th anniversary of entering the practice of medicine. Most of those years were spent in a small town in Ohio, family doctor, and as a clinical associate professor on the faculty of the Ohio State University College of Medicine. During those years I cared for thousands of patients, young and old, who suffered intensively from diseases that through the years we have learned were caused or greatly worsened by air quality. What we breathe has a direct effect on how long we live and how well we live. I, too, grew up in West Virginia. The smell of burning coal meant warmth and comfort in the home of my early years. There was a lot we didn't know then. Since then we have learned more. I hope you will take into account what we have learned scientifically and experiencing in the decision-making. Thank you.